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Left to Right: Stan Williams, Gene Solon, Irv. Gamza, C.W. Hargrove, Naomi Monk, Shirley Fletcher, and Margaret Williams

Orange Hats End an Era

Friday, July 2nd was the last night for the "Orange Hats" Southwest Coalition to walk in the neighborhood. For three years a devoted group spearheaded by Stan and Margaret Williams of Channel Square and Irv Gamza of Carrolsburg, supported by the police of 1st. District, walked in the neighborhood to show support for all those who wanted a safe and clean neighborhood free from drugs. But now the Williams are leaving.

The Orange Hats made a difference. During the hours of the patrol, from 7:30 to about 9:30, people came out and sat on their steps. Women and children felt safe to enjoy their friends and eat an ice cream cone. Groups of young men on street corners dispersed. The Orange Hats, affectionately called "Pumpkin Heads" by neighborhood children, noticed and reported missing street lights and abandoned properties grown up with weeds. The proper people were called and the neighborhood was better maintained.

The Orange Hats began three years ago in response to a plea by Bonnie Johnson at a meeting of the 1st. District Police Advisory Committee. News of Orange Hat groups in other areas had been in the paper and Bonnie electrified the Southwest group by asking people from the high rises to show support for the law abiding people in our area by patrolling east of Delaware. Soon after that a meeting was held at Waterside Towers sponsored by their Tenant's Association. This meeting fitted right in with ideas of "community policing" being developed by Capt. Pickett of the 1st District. The SW Orange Hats grew from that meeting.

The main speaker at the meeting was Jim Forman who had been the originator of the

Orange Hats in DC and helped several groups get going. He told how his groups walked in the neighborhood with walkie talkies, a video camera, and a police escort. License plate numbers of out-of-state cars were written down and reported to the police. A number of stolen cars had been identified. The hope was that drug buyers would be discouraged from coming to the area—at least during the hours of the patrol.

So the decision was made to organize a Southwest group. The first volunteers were Stanley and Margaret Williams of Channel Square and Irv Gamza of Carrolsburg. They started to raise money in their buildings to pay for walkie talkies. Individuals bought their own orange shirts and hats emblazoned, "Southwest Coalition". They could be seen at the Safeway at the Mall each evening from 7:30 to 8 waiting for neighbors to join them. The group became one of the Task Forces of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Now the Williams's are moving away from Southwest. Stan Williams served twenty four years with the military and then worked several years with the DC jail. During those years Margaret had been raising their children and grandchildren and working as a volunteer with the children at Amidon School. She saw her job as giving love and attention to those who especially needed it. When the grandchildren finished Amidon, and Stan finally retired, they realized they could not sit idle when they saw what was happening to the young people in the area. They were the first to volunteer for evening patrol.

Irv Gamza had been working about 11 years as a volunteer with the 1st District Police

Advisory Committee since his retirement as a civilian worker with the Army. Irv was another who immediately volunteered for the Orange Hats and over the years served as liaison with DC DPW and the police to get local action. His pockets were always full of candy for the kids.

For three years the Orange Hats have walked in the neighborhood, faithfully accompanied by police officers on their motor bikes. At first it was every night, rain or shine, sleet and snow. Over the years, as fewer people walked, it became four and then three days a week and later, stopped in the winter when street activity was less.

A total of about 45 people from the neighborhood walked at least one time during the three years, including several notables. Many have moved away. Most of the high rises had one or more participants, but the people who had the courage to walk tended to be older. Some loyal walkers maintained a regular commitment to a certain night a week. Sadly, it was impossible to recruit people from east of Delaware in spite of intensive effort, including a picnic at Fort McNair.

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SW Neighborhood Assembly will Meet

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) will meet at the SW Branch Library on Monday, July 26th at 7:00pm.

The main business will revolve around the Orange Hats. There will be a recognition and a discussion. "Will there be a similar program in the future?" Also, suggestions are invited about future topics for meetings.

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Councilman's Comments

What advantage is there to building a bus garage next to a residential community and in the midst of a promising economic development area? While it would appear there are no logical answers to this question, Southwest residents are well aware this has not deterred the promoters of a new Metrobus garage at Half and M Streets, S.E.

Since coming to the Council, I have been concerned over the impact an expanded SE Bus Garage would have on the quality of life for area residents and the prospects for future development. Even though this location no longer lies in Ward 2's boundaries (it was placed in Ward 6 after the 1990 census), I know this project is still of considerable concern to Ward 2 and the Southwest community.

With this in mind, I saw my appointment in January to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors as an opportunity to resolve this issue. It now appears my efforts have broken the impasse which had all but forced the location of the replacement garage to be at Half and M Streets, S.E. (also known as the SE Expanded Site)

Over thirty sites were examined. All but three of the sites were rejected due to a variety of factors, ranging from size limitations to conflicting zoning regulations to the displacement of residences and businesses. Some of the potential sites were removed for political reasons. By process of elimination, the SE Expanded Site emerged as the final site for consideration -- despite continued and vocal opposition from community planners, budget observers and, most importantly, residents in Southeast and Southwest.

Upon my appointment to the WMATA Board of Directors in January, I began to raise the concerns voiced by opponents of the SE Expanded Site, including:

***Limiting Economic Development.** In addition to the numerous plans the D.C. and federal government have for redeveloping this area, the SE Expanded Site sits adjacent to the Navy Yard Metrorail Station, making it one of the few undeveloped sites in D.C. with such a valuable proximity.

***Cost of land acquisition.** Besides eliminating substantial future tax revenues for D.C., locating the garage next to the Metro Station obviously incurs much higher real estate acquisition costs since such property is of much higher value than land in other areas. Some estimates placed the cost of the SE Expanded Site \$30-\$50 million higher than relocating at other possible sites.

***Neighborhood disruption.** As the Southwest community has noted repeatedly, a new bus garage would only increase the area's air and noise pollution, as well as the traffic congestion from the increased buses on the area's roads.

With these concerns in mind, I began to work with Metro officials and other elected leaders who shared my concerns about the SE Expanded Site. After months of delays and setbacks from

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supporters of the current site, I worked with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Councilmember Marion Barry to locate a site in Mr. Barry's Ward. Known as "Poplar Point," this site is in the vicinity of Howard Road and the South Capitol Street Bridge where the Architect of the Capitol's Botanic Gardens were located.

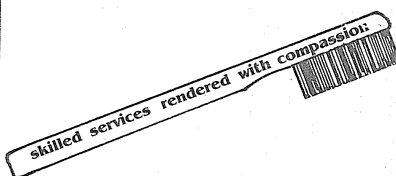
Locating the Metrobus garage at this site would be far more suitable and far less expensive for both WMATA and the District than the current site. In addition, the Poplar Point site would both promote economic development in Ward 8 and, due to its location away from residential or commercial areas, would not be disruptive to the community.

At a July 15 WMATA Board of Directors meeting, I requested the WMATA staff to begin an assessment of the viability of the Poplar Point Site. While this does not remove the SE Expanded Site from consideration, it does offer a viable alternative. More importantly, even if Poplar Point is found to not be suitable for the garage relocation, I feel its consideration will highlight the vast economic and community concerns with the SE Expanded Site.

I will continue to inform you of what is happening and I welcome your comments on this issue.

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- Project timetable;
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MACDONALD HOSPITALIZED

Veteran civic leader Donald S. Macdonald is currently hospitalized at Johns Hopkins University and is expected to be released by the end of July. Macdonald, a founding member of the Youth Activities Task Force, has been active with the Task Force since its inception in April, 1982. He served as the Task Force secretary on two different occasions and is currently the secretary of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation.

Macdonald held other civic positions including secretary of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and the Southwest Community Council, Inc. simultaneously. While holding these positions, he was instrumental in archiving the SWNA records at the S.W. Library and more importantly, in helping to reconstitute the SWCC and reestablish its tax exempt status. Several years ago the SWNA hosted a book party at the S.W. Library on the occasion of the publication of his book entitled "The Koreans: Contemporary Politics and Society."

Macdonald is a retired Georgetown University professor of Asian Studies who is a long-time resident of Harbour Square.

SPECIAL TOUR OF THE U.S.

Each year, the Youth Leadership and Cross Cultural Exchange sends foreign students to tour different countries. This summer, these organizations sent a number of students from Belgium to tour "the other side", or the social problem side of the United States. The students are touring U.S. cities along the east coast like Philadelphia, Washington DC, Atlanta, and Montgomery.

On July 10-12, 1993, thirty-one youths from DC, the U.S. and Belgium toured Washington, DC. The students probed, questioned, and argued with issues of democracy and tolerance, both in their own communities and in the world. The group toured the historic landmarks on the mall as well as other parts of D.C. The main focus of the tour was to show the struggle of oppressed people in the U.S.

The Friends of the Southwest Library and the Southwest Library staff were very instrumental in making the U.S.-Belgium tour possible. The Friends of the Southwest Library was one of the major sponsors of the project. The Southwest Library staff assisted in the planning and implementation of the tour.

Other sponsors of the tour included Project South, Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, U.S. Department of Education, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Posin's Bakery and Delicatessen, Montgomery County Public Library, American University, Painted Gourd, Howard University, COPRED, Smithsonian Institution, Global Exchange, A.A. Tours, and C.R. Gibbs.

This tour proved very instrumental and informative to all involved and hopefully there were good contacts as well as permanent friendships developed.

Those of us in the Southwest community can be very proud of our participation. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Dorothy Kettle, President of the Friends of Southwest Library, for her donation to help feed the students and supply each with a special tour tee shirt to take back home. Also, we want to thank Greg Bargeman, from the Library staff, who did a dramatization of Great African American orators such as Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King. The students were deeply impressed.

SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY

Summer Quest continues at the Southwest Library Children's Room through August 31st. Then you are invited to meet Woody and Willie, the ventriloquists, for the closing celebration of Summer Quest, Tuesday, August 31 at 10:30 am.

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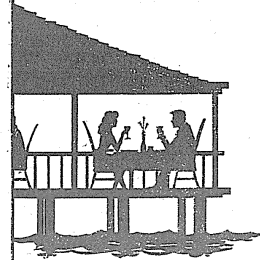
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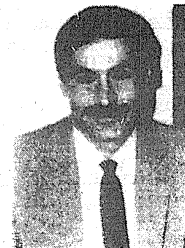
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Comings and Goings

Long-time *Southwester* writer, Thelma Jones, informed the editor that she was going to have to resign as a member of the staff of the paper. She has to reduce her busy schedule. Not only is Thelma very active in the community, but the demands of her position at the World Bank make for twelve and fourteen hour days. She has agreed to be an occasional writer but will no longer be appearing on a monthly basis. However, this month Thelma experienced some extra time and she was able to do some writing.

Since she will no longer be able to be a permanent staff member, there will be an vacant spot on our paper. As a former president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, an active member of the Youth Activities Task Force a member of the SW Community Council, a Mary Kay saleswoman and a busy participant in a local church, she was a neighborhood reporter who really knew Southwest.

Dana Heyliger is a new volunteer - she helped with the typing and the laying-out of the paper. Her real love is writing & plans to do that in the future.

Another person who has been a big helper is Angie Buelken. She is a first rate typist. It seems like nothing is too long or too difficult for her. She helps to type many of the articles and has written correspondence for the paper.

You have probably noticed the improvement in the distribution of the paper. Two people are responsible for this. Ben Bowlding, who has the SE area and everything which is between South Capitol Street and Delaware Avenue, SW; and Alan Wiley who is the overall distribution manager. In addition, he is responsible for the area between the river and Delaware Avenue, SW.

Alan recently got married. He and his wife, Carla, who also helps with distribution moved to a larger home in another area. They plan to

continue with their *Southwester* position(s) and feel that their move will not affect their work with the paper.

We have another change this month. Ann Chambers will be the head of advertising. She will be taking over from Dana Winner who is going to concentrate on covering the neighborhood.

For the past few years, the staff of the paper has been using the computer and laser printer of Dr. Perry Kline. He is one of the owners of the SW firm, "Washington Cable". Not only has Perry been more than generous with his equipment but he has never been too busy to assist crew with the answers to some computer questions. We have learned much from him. He has been more than helpful and we are truly grateful.

Rod Batiste, director of "Safe As I Go, Personal Safety Resource, Inc." has a column of safety tips. These hints will appear in each issue.

This month a student from the Youth Activities Task Force, Ricky Peake has been helping out at the paper. He has assisted in preparing the paper to go to the printers, has helped with some of the distribution, and has been a needed "extra hand." We hope to have a helper on a permanent basis.

If there is a reader out there who would like to write about the community and doesn't mind working on a deadline, or a person who can type articles (using WP 5.1) which have already been submitted, please call the editor, Carole Early at 488-3355. The paper needs you.

Correction

In the last issue, we showed a photo of President Clinton jogging. The two men running with him were identified as secret servicemen. We goofed. In fact, his two running companions were Congressmen Jim Slattery of KS and Congressmen Dave McCurdy of OK.

Announcements

Usually the *Southwester* receives lots of announcements. This month, the mail has been very light. It is **HOT OUTSIDE AND THE LIVING IS EASY**. Only two free events for hearty readers.

Waterside Fitness & Swim Club will be having a Health Fair on Monday, July 26 from 11:30 - 1:30 pm at Waterside Mall. Everything will be Free. They will test blood pressure & percentage of body fat as well as a demonstration of workout equipment.

U.S. Marine Band continues its Summer Concerts. Sunday it is at the Sylvan Theater on the grounds of the Washington Monument and Wednesday, it is on the East Terrace of the U.S. Capitol Building. Both evenings begin at 8:00 pm, it is free & no tickets are required.

Summer Job Classes Give Awards

At the final Saturday morning job training session, the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force gave prizes to students who did well.

Charlotte Brooks, director of the sessions, is shown giving an award to Michelle Gordon, who wrote one of the two best assessments of the students' trip to the J. W. Marriott Hotel.

Other awards went to Shakina Crocfort for her assessment of the Marriott trip and for perfect attendance; to Santaya Ferguson and Monica Surratt for perfect attendance; to Rhonda Hamilton for best attitude; and to Reginald Walton for teamwork.

Walter Brooks is shown taping the skits put on by the students to illustrate problems they may face on the job or being interviewed.

Willie Borden is coordinator for the summer and is matching 23 students with community service work they will perform as part of the summer program. Most students are busy on jobs provided by the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. A few jobs are being funded by special grants.

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Education Secretary Richard Riley and Labor Secretary Robert Reich each gave major addresses on the administration's education and school-to-work programs.

Another general session paired Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke and the Edison Project's Benno Schmidt, who are taking unconventional approaches to improving education. An additional general session dealt with the complex issue of "inclusion" -- educating disabled children in the regular classroom.

Verlyn Brown, a former teacher who lives in Southwest, attended the four day AFT Quest Conference. In one of the sessions which she attended, "High Standards for Students: What will Teachers be expected to know and be able to do?", she participated in the seminar.

As President Shanker has indicated, high standards are being set for students. Successful implementation of the high standards agenda rests in the ability of teachers to launch a new standards-driven curriculum to a wide diversity of learners. Significant changes in professional involvement and staff development are required. Teachers are expected to perform many roles.

Some additional topics discussed during the conference were: How can schools cope with the epidemic of violence that plagues urban, suburban and rural schools? What are the latest federal initiatives for education and school-to-work programs? Should private companies operate public schools? What can and should be done to raise student achievement?

These addresses and workshops put into perspective what is occurring in schools around the United States.

Some 3,000 teachers and other educators from across the country attended workshops on 12 "themes" such as school violence, standards, assessment, education reform at the school site, and technology in education.

Also, two QUEST awards were given. One went to Ernest Green, one of the "Little Rock Nine" who integrated the Little Rock, Arkansas public schools. Green founded a youth apprenticeship program to bring more minorities into the building trades. The other award went to John Bruer, author of "Schools for Thought", a revolutionary new book about how children learn.

The AFT represents more than 820,000 teachers, school support staff, higher education faculty, nurses and other health care professionals, and state and municipal workers.

Door Prize

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The group **Not What You Think** opens the series on August 6th and 7th at 8 pm. The 5-member group will present a program ranging from light fare to songs of pride and protest, arranged with choreography. The group's focus is on the struggle for civil rights for all people, and especially for Gay and Lesbian youth.

All events will take place at the Arts Workshop, located at 545 7th Street, S.E., just south of the Eastern Market metro station. The individual evenings of music and discussion will culminated with a performance by several of the groups to be scheduled in November. Specific dates and additional groups will be announced. Suggested donation for each evening of the series is \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth under 18.

HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR DEPRESSION

John Wilson's suicide shocked and saddened our whole community. That a committed public official could be suffering from severe clinical depression to such a degree that he did not want to continue living, is a real tragedy.

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Mr. Rod Batiste is the Director of Safe As I Go, Personal Safety Resources, Inc. He is an acknowledged expert on matters involving personal safety precautions. For the fall, he will be giving a free course for the community at Amidon Elementary School. Meanwhile, he has some safety tips for all of us.

"I would like to write about the ways that an average person can protect her/himself from one of the most frightening crimes to come along since we entered the age of rapid transportation, CARJACKINGS.....

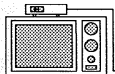
Carjackings differ from abductions by the very definition, and though sometimes victims are transported away from an area, the criminal's chief interest lies in the vehicle. This means that, although a carjacking experience is, indeed a frightening one, in most cases, it carries minimal risk of physical injury. Most carjackings occur in parking lots, and underground garages; but, every so often, one is attempted on the highway, or at an intersection.

ON THE HIGHWAY:

TIP ONE: If you think that you are being followed, do not ignore the other vehicle, or pretend that they are not there, slow your car down and let them see you get a good look at them. In fact, if you have a carphone, let them see you make a call.

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TIP TWO: Never drive directly home. On the contrary, if you think you are being followed, go out of your way to drive an indirect route. Constantly look back in the rearview mirror, this will prove beyond a doubt whether or not you are being followed.

TIP THREE: If you are forced to stop behind another car at a stop sign, or a red light, leave a distance of at least a car-length in front of you. This way, if you should suddenly face danger, you won't be obstructed.

TIP FOUR: Keep a pen and paper in the glove compartment, so you can write down an aggressor's license plate number.

TIP FIVE: When a vehicle taps your car and you think that there is damage, do not stop. Instead, keep driving; but, write down all the particulars about the incident. Head towards a heavily populated area before checking for damage. (Never get out of your car in a heavily wooded or a secluded area with a possible carjacker right behind you. Remember, as the victim, you are not really leaving the scene of an accident: you're simply exercising good judgement).

TIP SIX: Make a lot of noise and blow your horn, flash your lights, try to draw as much attention to your situation as possible. Drive to a service station or supermarket, quickly go inside and ask the attendant to call the police. Never confront a possible carjacker alone.

IN A PARKING LOT OR GARAGE

TIP ONE: Keep your keys in your hands, they can be used as a weapon, and you can get in your car quickly if you think you are being followed.

TIP TWO: If confronted by an attacker, let him see you toss your keys as far away as possible. (Remember, he cannot take you or your car if there is no key).

TIP THREE: If contact is made by an abductor or carjacker, and you are looking for an effective hiding place, you can seek shelter underneath larger vehicles. Hiding underneath jeeps, trucks, and vans makes it incredibly difficult for an attacker to get to you. Have you ever tried to drag a dog or a cat out from under a car? Slide from side to side if he attempts to grab you, yelling all the time.

TIP FOUR: If someone comes up from behind you and forces you into your car, quickly move to the passenger side, lay on your back, bringing your knees to your chest in a coiled position, from this position, you can kick out hard with your heels, using stomping motions (like riding a bicycle). Striking the attacker's head and shoulders will force him outside the car, then close all the doors, lock them, and blow the horn until help comes.

Other prevention tips include going to any cop shop and purchasing a hat or jacket that says police or security on it. With either of these items placed in the rear window, or on the hanger support in the back of your car, you can make your car relatively safe from a break-in. When you are on the way to your car at night, you can carry your police jacket as if you've just picked it up from the cleaners. For that matter, at the same cop shop, you can purchase a pair of handcuffs and let them dangle conspicuously from your purse or off your belt as you carry your jacket.

Finally, if the situation calls for it, consider engaging an invisible friend, for example, just before you stop out into the darkness of a garage, you might pretend to be talking to someone and say "Thanks for waiting around until I drive off, coffee on me in the morning."

Again, while it is true that in the world of self-protection nothing can be etched in stone, it has been proven that these are some of the most effective prevention measures available.

TIP FIVE: Practice fainting.... fainting is one of the most effective means of handling a dangerous situation without a risk of a confrontation. Remember having a confrontation means that one person has to overpower the other, if

not with their fists, then certainly with their will. If you are the kind of person who hates the idea of confrontation of any kind and are looking for the most effective means of self-protection, then I suggest that you give fainting some serious consideration.

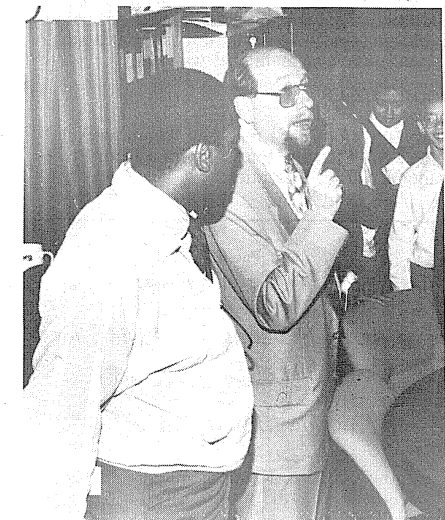
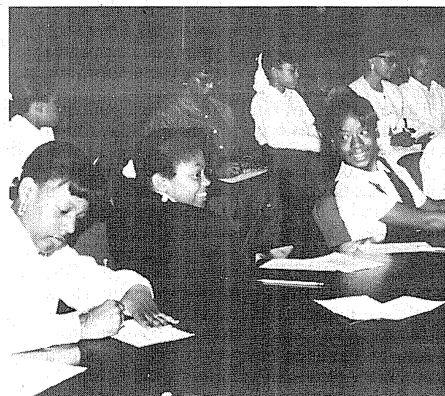
Benefits of Fainting: You become a difficult target to move or carry away. You avoid confrontation. Anyone can do it.

Remember, if the situation calls for you to "bring on" a fainting spell, you must be convincing. Start by agreeing to do whatever the attacker wishes, then hold your chest and complain about shortness of breath, then crumple slowly to the floor, letting your body hang limp outside the car door (as you inconspicuously lose the keys), or allow one of your arms to pass through and get trapped in the steering wheel as you land on the horn, causing it to blare loudly and continuously.

There are a lot of personal safety areas that people would like to know about, and I hope to cover all of them. If there are topics you would like me to discuss, or questions about safety - be it at home, in the car, at the swimming pool, or something personal, please direct your questions to Safe As I Go Personal Safety Resource Inc, P.O. Box 962, Arlington, Virginia 22216, Attn: Rod Batiste."

The next segment will be on APPLE JUICE. This is an acronym for the ten most dangerous areas in any town U.S.A.

Amidon's Young Investor's Annual Tour of the World Bank



YATF Update

Fundraiser

Over 100 Southwest residents and friends contributed over \$4,000 to the annual fundraising reception of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) which was held at the Harbour Square Club Room, 520 N Street, S.W. in May. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly attended and praised the YATF for its program of job-readiness training for neighborhood youth. Citing the Task Force's efforts, Mayor Kelly stated that "you were ahead of everybody else--the unsung heroes.... There is much that government is doing to help, but there really is no substitute for the sense of community which you have here."

Highlights of the program, which was emceed by YATF member Charlotte Brooks, included a tribute to Councilmember John A. Wilson by former SWNA President Thelma D. Jones and a dramatic presentation by Gregory Bargeman of Ntozake Shange's "For Colored Girls Who Consider Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf." To help the community have a better understanding on depression, Gregory Bargeman, Adult Librarian, Southwest Branch has organized a display of information on the topic which he encourages everyone to see. To add to the joy and excitement of the event, approximately 15 door prizes were raffled away to a host of lucky winners.

Training Program

Each year YATF members volunteer their time and expertise on Saturday mornings for job-readiness training for neighborhood youth. In June, approximately 30 youth participated in a three-hour five week training session, which included such topics as communications skills (interviewing, and on-the-job telephone skills), problem solving, conflict management, developing professional attitudes and pleasant demeanor, and a brief session on money management. This year's training differed from previous sessions because it involved greater participation by the students (e.g. role playing, demonstrations, and a field trip to J.W. Marriot). In addition, students have completed evaluations, which according to YATF Training Coordinator Charlotte Brooks "will be useful in developing next year's training program." These training sessions have proven to be extremely useful, indications have shown that youth have used the skills acquired at these sessions to obtain higher paying jobs in areas of specific interest.

Job Placement

To prepare the youth for their summer job placement, YATF held a Saturday morning registration and orientation session in May at the Southwest Library. To date, most of the students have been assigned to a summer position.

Computer Literacy Program

For the second consecutive year, the YATF will sponsor a computer literacy program for approximately 20 students at Jefferson Junior High School. Stan Johnson, a science instructor at JJH, will conduct the program.

Community Service Project

This summer the students will be engaged in another series of community service projects which have been identified by both the students

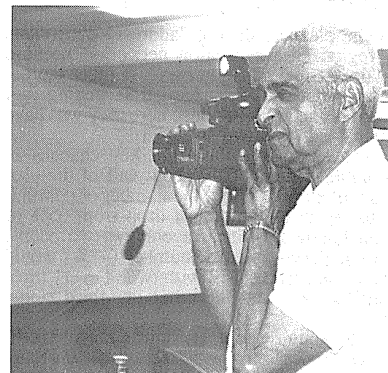
and YATF. Students will receive guidance and assistance on the community service projects from YATF members, Willie Borden, YATF Summer Coordinator, and four graduates of the program. Willie Borden is the former director of the No. 4 Boys and Girls Club who had previously been active with the Task Force prior to his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department.

Acknowledgements

Special thanks to YATF Fundraiser Committee Chairperson Walter Brooks for his efforts in coordinating the fundraising event held in May. A special thank you is also extended to the dedicated YATF volunteers, Harbour Square, and the many residents and businesses who have continuously supported the Task Force. Contributions for the YATF Summer Jobs Program are tax-deductible and can be mailed payable to the S.W. Community Council, Inc. at the following address: Youth Activities Task Force, P.O. Box 70341, Washington, D.C. 20024. Persons interested in becoming volunteers for the program should contact YATF Chairperson Beryl C. Rice at 202-554-4235.



Willie Borden



Walter Brooks



L. - Charlotte Brooks & Michelle Gordon

I ALWAYS WANTED TO SING

I always wanted to sing
And my voice wasn't all that bad
Though reactions to it by some folks
Sometimes made me very sad

Once they needed more glee club singers
So I thought I'd lend a hand
But after hearing me, the director said
"Honey, why don't you tryout for the band?"

Nothing said could ever discourage me
I learned song after song after song
And when I was alone -- all by myself
I would sing them loud and long

They said all babies love to hear mama sing
So, naturally, with my baby, I tried
But, instead of enjoying himself and falling to sleep,
My child just cried and cried and cried

I thought they had to let me sing in the church choir
But much to my disgrace
After I tried out, unbeknownst to me
They changed rehearsal to a new time and place

But I will not be discouraged
I will go on learning song after song after song
And when I'm alone all by myself
I will sing them loud and long

copr. Margaret H. Oliver, 1993

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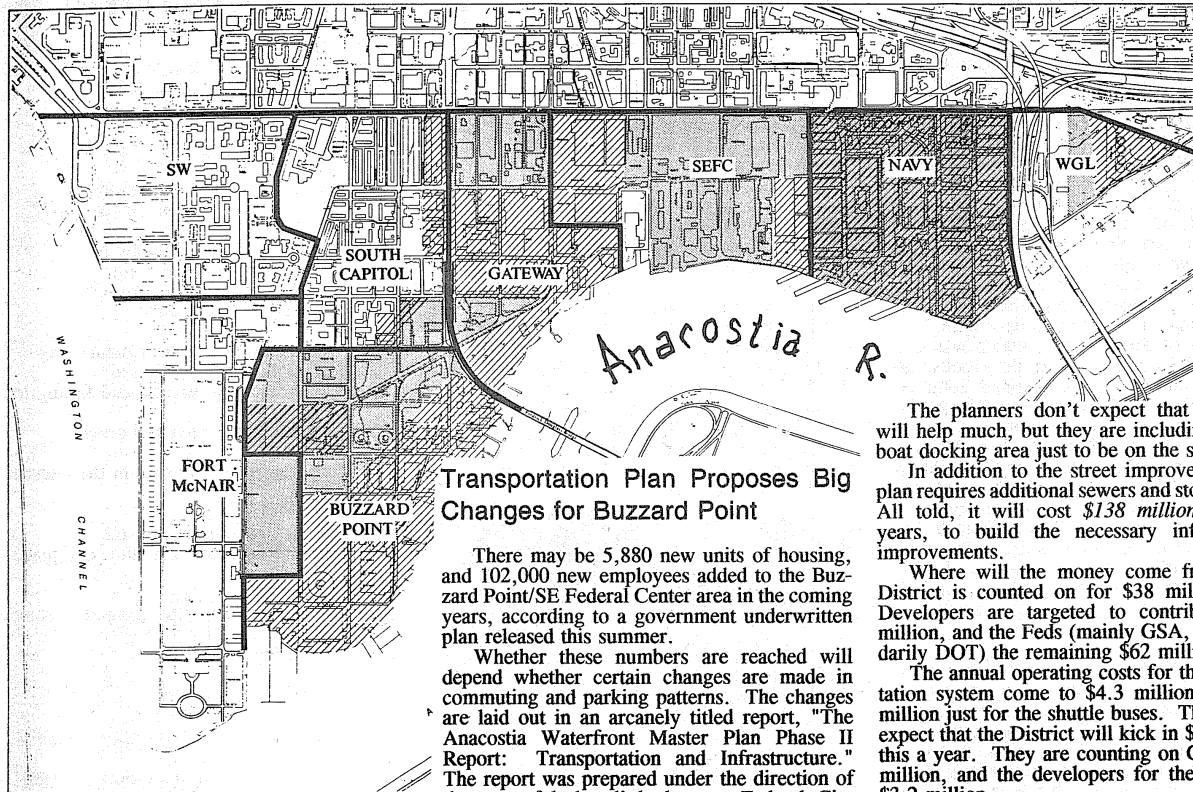
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Transportation Plan Proposes Big Changes for Buzzard Point

There may be 5,880 new units of housing, and 102,000 new employees added to the Buzzard Point/SE Federal Center area in the coming years, according to a government underwritten plan released this summer.

Whether these numbers are reached will depend whether certain changes are made in commuting and parking patterns. The changes are laid out in an arcanelly titled report, "The Anacostia Waterfront Master Plan Phase II Report: Transportation and Infrastructure." The report was prepared under the direction of the powerful, but little known, Federal City Council.

According to the plan's authors, area roads can handle 126,000 vehicles a day. Since there are now only 64,000 a day, they project a "reserve capacity" of 62,000. In the planners' view there is currently "little congestion and delay."

(The planners do not "address" constraints on "regional transportation networks" because they lie outside the study area. In other words, commuters may have a hard time getting into and out of the area, but once here they will have enough roads to move around.)

Even so, unless there are key changes in commuting patterns only about half of the plan can be developed. First, the number of commuters using private cars must drop from 65% of the total, down to 46% (averaging two people per car). Then an equal number (47%) would have to use mass transit; with two of every three riding the rails and the other one-third riding buses.

Not enough people will use mass transit, however, unless there is a fleet of 10-20 shuttle buses circulating just within the plan area. They will cost about \$4 million a year to operate.

Next, there would need to be some important changes in area streets. For instance, the planners propose building a new \$8 million interchange to connect South Capitol Street, the Douglass bridge, and Potomac Ave.

They also propose to have Fourth Street carry three times as many cars as does it does now. It currently handles 500 vehicles at peak hours. They say it would need to carry 1,500 at peak hours. In addition, the elbow at 4th & P "should be modified . . . by providing larger radii and widened lanes."

They propose that one of the 3 through-lanes on M Street be converted to "tandem turn lanes." They also call for re-stripping the streets at many points and putting different traffic lights in place. They would like to see all of the traffic lights be part of a computerized "smart" highway system ("intelligent vehicle/ highway system," *IVHS* for short).

The planners don't expect that ferryboats will help much, but they are including a ferryboat docking area just to be on the safe side.

In addition to the street improvements, the plan requires additional sewers and storm drains. All told, it will cost \$138 million, over 20 years, to build the necessary infrastructure improvements.

Where will the money come from? The District is counted on for \$38 million. The Developers are targeted to contribute \$36.7 million, and the Feds (mainly GSA, and secondarily DOT) the remaining \$62 million.

The annual operating costs for the transportation system come to \$4.3 million; about \$4 million just for the shuttle buses. The planners expect that the District will kick in \$125,000 of this year. They are counting on GSA for \$1 million, and the developers for the remaining \$3.2 million.

The final, and potentially most controversial, component of the plan is the "central authority." They call it the "Anacostia Waterfront Transportation Authority." Although it will operate the shuttle buses and although the word "transportation" appears in its name, its role goes beyond transportation. It will have authority over many other things having to do with implementing the plan.

Should it be a voluntary association or an "areawide development corporation created by either District or Federal legislation." The planners aren't sure, or weren't able to agree, which would be the best choice. It is clear, however, that the choice will be a very important one if the plan is approved.

(This article is a revised version of a memorandum prepared for ANC 2D by Executive Director Gottlieb Simon)



S.W. EVENTS

July 19, Saturday, SWNA Executive Board, SW Branch Library, 6:30 pm.

July 19, Saturday, Zoning Commission Hearing on Youth Residential Care Homes, Zoning Office Hearing Room, 7 pm.

July 21, Wednesday, First District Police Open House, District Headquarters, 11 am.

July 22, Thursday, Library Theater, SW Branch Library, 10:30 am.

July 28, Wednesday, Southwester General Meeting, SW Branch Library, 7 pm.

August 28, Friday, March On Washington. September 7, Tuesday, First District Council, District Headquarters, 7 pm.

September 14, Tuesday, Special Election for Council Chairperson.

September 27, Monday, SWNA General Meeting, SW Branch Library, 6:30 pm.

Please call 554-8284 with Southwest Events for next month.

Orange Hats con'td. from Pg. 1

But the force and strength of the Orange Hats was Stan and Margaret with the loyal help of Irv. Now the Williams are leaving Southwest for a well-earned rest by the shore with no phone and later will move to a new home in Maryland.

The equipment will be given to the Police Department. Lt. Beverly Medlock at 1st. District, now in charge of our area, has set up plans to activate a new citizens group. Captain Pickett, now retired, reported that the Orange Hat patrol was a very valuable experience for his men. They came to know people on both sides of Delaware including many of the children. It was good for the police and the neighborhood to have a positive view of each other.

But it will be hard to provide the attention, the candy and coloring books, so lovingly provided the children by Margaret, Stan, and Irv on their nightly rounds where they were joyfully greeted by the children rushing up to get their hug from Margaret and questions about school. Many children proudly brought out their report cards to show how well they were doing.

Southwest will miss them mightily. Best wishes to Stan and Margaret from all of us--and don't forget to come back and visit.

The regular meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly on July 26th at the Public Library will include a special recognition of Stan and Margaret Williams and Irv Gamza for their immense contribution to the safety and well being of our community. Captain Michael Pickett, who has also left SW, will be present. All those who walked, or appreciated the efforts are encouraged to attend.